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Recent surveys show that substance abuse is prevalent, and drugs are easily accessible on college campuses. Studies show substances, such as Ritalin and Adderall, are highly used by students.

# Substance abuse still problem in college culture

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Alice and the White Rabbit have nothing on college students these days. A journey down the collegiate rabbit hole can turn up pills for down, powders for up, leaves for lazy and anything in between.

The topic of drugs tends to bring to mind substances such as cocaine, heroin or, ever-popular in the Midwest, methamphetamine. In reality, substances do not only include these notorious drugs. Substances purchased or used by college students tend to either be by-products of the “big guys” or prescription drugs. Drugs common to college parties or dorm rooms include stimulants, such as Adderall or Ritalin,

opiates, such as oxycodone or hydrocodone, marijuana and club drugs like MDMA, more commonly known as ecstasy.

“With the availability in this town, I know several people that deal,” senior Sean Cahill said. “I know several people that buy and have used or do use drugs like weed, speed-type pills like Adderall and a myriad of other drugs.”

“It’s really not hard to find in this town if you know the right people.”

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health, done by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, has been conducted every year since 1971 in an attempt to shed light on exactly how widespread the issue of substance abuse is on college campuses.

In the U.S., illicit drugs are split into five categories: nar-

cotics, stimulants, depressants or sedatives, hallucinogens and cannabis. In 2012, 22 percent of full-time college students and 24 percent of part-time students were reported as using some form of these illicit drugs. This number was significantly higher than adults aged 26 or older, which was reported at only 7 percent.

The University also conducts its own annual survey regarding substance abuse.

“The survey we conduct is the Missouri College Health Behavior Survey,” Health Educator Jennifer Kennymore said. “We conduct it every spring and have data going back to

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Course designer and professional golfer Tom Watson examines the land at Mzingo in October 2013. The course could see construction begin this spring.

## Youth golf course could see vote soon, spring construction

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While the grass hasn’t even been laid yet, Maryville citizens are excited about the possible addition of a new nine-hole golf course to the Mzingo Lake Golf Course.

The proposed 1,600 yard course is designed for children and other beginners. It is funded through charity organizations, local businesses and individuals, according to the head of the project, Bruce Twaddle.

“The funding of the construction is done privately,” Twaddle said. “It’s not costing taxpayers a dime.”

The design of the potential course is being overseen by the Tom Watson Group, which is headed by Tom Watson, Missouri native and Professional Golfers Association Tour golfer.

“They did a preliminary routing in March, and Tom Watson did a site visit in October,” Twaddle said.

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## Council accepts Jasinski’s request, tables ordinance vote

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In light of Maryville’s bar-entry age raising, City Council is pausing on other alcohol-related ordinances that would change the face of the city’s nightlife.

Maryville’s City Council was set to vote on proposed open-container and nuisance party ordinances until the council opened discussion to the public. That vote could very well have taken place if it was not for remarks made by Northwest’s President John Jasinski.

The 10th president in Northwest’s history thanked the council for its work, but challenged it to not rush a decision.

“I thank you for your service, but I think we are all aligned and trying to get to the same location,” Jasinski said. “I really believe we all have the best interests in the city, the broader community and certainly the University. With that, I’m just going to ask for a little bit of pause to slow down. I’m not sure of the rush in terms of the various decisions.”

Jasinski believes the city staff and council need to explain their reasons for proposing these ordinances as well as say how they will be enforced.

“Educating about the intent of the ordinances so that taxpayers, business owners, students and the faculty needs to be part of (the discussion),” Jasinski

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## Country crooners cohost campus concert

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Grab your boots and throw on your nicest jeans, Northwest, because a country hoedown unlike anything that has been seen before is about to take place on campus April 12.

Northwest’s Student Activities Council announced Wednesday that its annual spring concert will indeed be country and will feature co-headliners Gloriana and Jana Kramer with Sarah Darling as the opening act. Gloriana and Jana Kramer will each take the stage for an hour following a 30-minute opening by Sarah Darling.

Senior Michael Eppley, director of concert programming for SAC, believes this will be an excellent chance for Northwest to showcase a new type of show that students have not had a chance to see.

“We have been searching for female artists in the past couple of years because we’re trying to bring more diversity to the school,” Eppley said. “It’s definitely a really good collaboration because they all know each other.”

Though Eppley wanted to get the biggest names possible, he believes there are many reasons why students should want to witness history at Northwest.

“It’s about the biggest name we can get for the cheapest amount,” Eppley said. “We have never had a co-headline show in the past, and we’ve never had a woman artist. I feel like with the amount of country in this area, people will be excited about this.”

Anthony Maly, Campus Activities Coordinator hopes students take advantage of the talent performing and enjoy the crowd at Bearcat Arena.

“Students should be excited for this concert that is full of up-and-coming country talent as it will allow Northwest students to experience multiple award-winning artists for an extremely affordable ticket price,” Maly said. “This will be one of Student Activities Council’s longest concerts, and the atmosphere it will create will be very exciting.”

Gloriana is a group based out of Nashville, Tenn., consisting of brothers Tom and Mike Gossin and Rachel Reinert. Their self-titled debut album soared to number two on the Billboard Country Albums chart in 2009. Known for the breakthrough single “(Kissed You) Good Night” in 2012, the group has spent the past few years opening for artists such as Alan Jackson, Jason Aldean and the Zac Brown Band.



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Country artists Gloriana and Jana Kramer will co-headline the spring concert April 18 presented by the Northwest Student Activities Council.

Jana Kramer is a 30-year-old from Michigan who began her country music career with her 2012 single “Why Ya Wanna.” She is also known for her role as Alex Dupre on the television series “One Tree Hill.” She began working on her second album in September 2013 and is set to open for Blake Shelton on his upcoming tour, beginning in July.

Sarah Darling is a 31-year-old from Des Moines, Iowa, who has appeared on “Conan” and ABC’s “The Bachelor.” She will be on the road opening this summer for The Band Perry, Hunter Hayes, Luke Bryan and Gloriana, as well as continuing as a regular at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

Though Eppley decided to go with Gloriana, Kramer and Darling, SAC looked strongly at trying to get Justin Moore and Lee Brice, but obstacles

prevented them from taking the stage at Northwest.

“I’ve got a lot of positive feedback so far,” Eppley said. “Some people are going to be thrown off by them being females, but I think the people that are looking for that and have been waiting will be excited.”

It may be only a short time after the announcement, but Eppley says it’s never too early to begin working on an act to come to Northwest in the fall. Though nothing is set in stone, Eppley is looking at a list of nearly 20 performers, with possibilities such as Smashmouth, Sum 41 and Good Charlotte in the mix.

The concert will be in Bearcat Arena. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$20 for the general public.



Art history students visit The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City



Juniors Hannah Thomsen and Jodi Holmes examine a Monet painting with senior Christian Falcone Feb. 7 at The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.

Raffety thanks board as student regent term ends

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Junior Ashton Raffety, Northwest's student regent, gained a lot of attention at the Board of Regents' last meeting Feb. 7.

While three candidates wait for Gov. Jay Nixon to appoint the next student regent, Raffety, In what could be his last meeting, took time to thank the board and acknowledge the opportunity he had.

"Everyone in this administration who I have worked with is extremely student-centered and has taught me a lot about this University, higher education and myself," Raffety said to the board. "When I was appointed, I had this idea that I would have to come in here and fight for the students on every issue, but that wasn't the case at all because everyone here was already doing that."

"I take comfort in knowing everyone is already focused on what students want and need to become successful."

Raffety's term ended at the end of 2013, but he will continue to serve as student regent until Nixon appoints his successor.

Among business at the meeting was the approval of curriculum changes to the number of credit hours for thesis and field experience in health services and recreation to better align with the University's goals.

The board also approved Oct. 18 as the date for Homecoming against Pittsburg State. After Northwest and Pitt State's Fall Classic contract expired, the two ends were unable to reach a deal to continue the annual rivalry game at Arrowhead Stadium.

During his report, Jasinski acknowledged the success of the Kansas City Center at Metropolitan Community College's Maple Woods campus as well as the launch of Northwest's new "recruitment-friendly" website.

The regents' next meeting is March 13 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom.



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior Bethany Stanberry practices for the Northwest Dance Company's annual Spring Showcase in 2013. The performance will take place Friday, Feb. 14.

Dance company to present annual Spring Showcase

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Dancing is in the air this Valentine's Day. More than 80 dancers from Northwest Dance Company will perform in the annual Spring Showcase this Friday. Sticking to the Valentine's Day atmosphere, the theme for the event is "heartbreakers."

"Our choreographers and dancers have been preparing since November for this show," said Emily Bowman, dance company president. "We have a big show each semester, so this is our major performance for the spring."

Staying true to the theme, the music will be a mix of love and heartbreak songs. Expect a lot of energy and entertainment coming out of this performance, according to Bowman.

"There will be short acts in between performances to keep the crowd entertained. There are dancers who have little experience, to

people who have been dancing their whole lives," Bowman said. "We have a variety of talents and all sorts of skills."

"Everyone should come see the show," sophomore Teagan Suey said. "We have a large variety of dance styles, so no matter what you're into, you are bound to enjoy our show."

Dances will include a wide range of genres, from hip-hop to jazz and even clogging. There will be a little dancing for everyone at this show. Dancers, as well as choreographers, will be performing at the show.

The Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts' doors open at 7:00 p.m. for the event, and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be picked up in the Administration Building or at the door of the event.

Raffles and T-shirts from the Student Body will be sold at the event. Raffles include gift cards to My Favorite Muffin, Sonic and even free tans from JASS Salon.

NEWS BRIEF:  
Broadway production of 'Rock of Ages' to perform Sunday

Northwest will host a rock-concert-meets-Broadway-performance when "Rock of Ages" takes the stage Sunday night as part of University's Encore series.

The five-time Tony Award nominee Broadway production depicts a love story between a small-town girl and a big-city rock star on the Sunset Strip in 1987. The musical production features songs from many 1980s rock bands, such as Journey, Styx, REO Speedwagon, Twisted Sister,

Poison and Whitesnake.

"People should attend this production because it is a really great way to be introduced to the arts," said Angel McAdams Prescott, director of campus activities, in a press release. "A lot of people have a preconceived idea that performing arts productions are formal and stuffy."

"This is a way for people to be exposed to the arts in a fun and exciting environment. We hope that we give people these positive experi-

ences with the Encore series."

"Rock of Ages" began in Los Angeles before moving to Broadway in 2009. The musical was depicted in the 2012 film "Rock of Ages," starring Tom Cruise, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Alec Baldwin.

The show is at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are available at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building.

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# Preschools seek funding increase to raise enrollment

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Missouri preschools could face a significant increase in funding this year, an increase greatly needed, according to early childhood educators. A whirlwind addition to the Richard and Phyllis Leet Center over winter break illustrated the need for quality child care.

“Paperwork shows that Maryville has 364 preschoolers eligible for care,” said Cindy Scarbrough, Leet Center director. “There is no way that Maryville’s able to meet that need. Our waiting list alone had 44 families.”

In 2013, the Missouri Preschool Project, a competitive grant program designed to provide new or expansion of high quality early care and education programs, lost nearly 30 percent of its funding. Under Gov. Jay Nixon’s proposed budget, the MPP would receive an extra \$20 million in the fiscal year 2014. Last year’s budget of \$8.3 million served 4,103 children throughout Missouri, a number that needs to be higher, according to educators.

“It’s a well-known problem in Maryville that quality preschool and infant and toddler care is limited,” Scarbrough said.

A grant from this project allowed Scarbrough to add a new classroom and 20 students over winter break.

With the help of Pradnya Patet, Early Childhood Program coordinator, Grant Coordinator Tye Parsons and classroom teachers Joy Budine and Meghan Scheil, Scarbrough composed a grant more than 50 pages long.

After being awarded the grant from MPP, Scarbrough and her team had less than a month to prepare and fill a classroom in their wing of Brown



AARON SCARBROUGH | NW MISSOURIAN

**Aiden Vanvactor looks on as his classmates play at the Richard and Phyllis Leet Center Monday. The center added a new classroom and 20 students over break but still has 44 families on a waiting list. Limited resources for preschool education have Maryville’s centers hoping a \$20 million increase from Gov. Jay Nixon is approved.**

Hall. They were able to hire a teacher, Erica Yocom, a graduate assistant and 10 student employees to work in the classroom.

An increase in funding, such as the one proposed by Nixon, would alleviate the strain on towns, such as Maryville, with very limited resources for preschool education. Maryville

has five preschools to service the area, one of which is federally-funded Head Start, an early childhood center with specific requirements regarding child participation.

Increased funding would comfort more than just providers. For mothers, such as Emily Brown, more available child care could be a make-or-

break deal.

“It’s hard to work and worry about whether your kids are getting taken care of the right way,” Brown said. “You always want the best for your kids, no matter how old they are, and if Maryville added more preschools, it would be a blessing.”

Despite the uncertainty of future

funding, Scarbrough takes pleasure in knowing at least a few more children in Maryville will receive a quality education.

“When you look at it now and see the children in there, it is amazing to know the storm that happened before they came and to see the joy on their faces,” Scarbrough said.

## Bird Hunters United nationals at Mozingo benefit city, youth

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A new breed of competition has brought more opportunities to Mozingo Lake Recreation Park as experienced hunters and their furry companions are taking this time to educate Maryville’s youth about the safeties of hunting.

Over the course of the last two weekends, Bird Hunters United held its national championships at Mozingo Recreation Park. With more than 120 competitors, the dogs and handlers worked the fields, flushing out birds during a timed session.

Jason Nelson, BHU officer, says that when the opportunity came up to move the competition to Maryville, he knew it was the right fit.

“Maybe only 5 percent of the people (in the competition) knew about Mozingo before they even came,” Nelson said. “Now that they’ve come, they’ve seen what’s going on with the area, they’ve seen the golf course and they love it.”

The event did not only benefit its competitors; the city of Maryville along with Mozingo benefited greatly from the event. Ryan Heiland, assistant city manager, said at Monday’s City Council meeting that the competitors filled Mozingo’s cabins, municipal building and the city’s hotels. Heiland anticipates BHU to return to Maryville for next year’s national championship as well.

Though this event mainly targets adults, Nelson says he wants to get more youth involved to teach importance of proper dog handling and hunting.

“The goal is to promote better quality dogs and get youth involved with handling dogs, running dogs, and just being outdoors,” Nelson said. We started out with promoting better quality dogs and getting youth involved.”

Over the last two weekends, more than 10 youth came



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

**Scott Black and his hunting companion, Cotah, flush birds during the second weekend of the Bird Hunter United National Championships at Mozingo Lake Saturday, Feb. 8.**

to Mozingo to participate in the event. Rusty Baker, a competitor at the event, said that this weekend was a success for the young hunters.

“We brought a couple of kids from Kansas with us up here to run in the youth event,” Baker said. “We try to encourage the youth to come out and run in our local club.”

Gary Thompson, who has participated in events with BHU in the past, stresses that promoting safety is the main focus for hunters of all ages.

“Safety is the most important thing and having patience,” Thompson said. “And it’s fun and pure enjoyment.”

## Students, residents invited to enter third business pitch competition

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Student and community members interested in starting their own business may see their idea come to fruition through the third annual New Venture Business Competition.

The competition will have a separate category for high school students, college students and community members. Each category winner will walk away with a six month lease in the Dean L. Hubbard Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, as well as \$2,000 to help with start-up fees.

Ben Blackford, assistant professor of management at Northwest and event coordinator, said the idea came from an assortment of different sources, including people from campus and other universities.

“It’s a great opportunity,” Blackford said. “We hope that lots of students will take advantage of the opportunity and tell others. We’d love to see all 40 or 50 spots filled.”

Jim Goecken, owner of the Student Body, said that getting started in a more controlled environment like the C.I.E. is beneficial to budding business owners.

“There’s always an uncertainty if it’s going to work,” Goecken said. “This will be more protected and give you more of a chance to get your feet on the ground and get going with it.”

Lunch at the competition will feature keynote speaker Carl Hughes, co-founder of Inergy, LP and a Northwest

alumnus. Teams can enter by registering online or contacting Ben Blackford through March 14 or until all spots are full. The event will take place April 18 on Northwest’s campus.

Goecken says anyone with a business idea should take advantage of the potential amenities available for the winners.

“It’s huge because the hardest part with anything, starting a new business or coming up with an idea is the financial burden... there’s huge cash outlay, there’s rental space, finding different things like that,” Goecken said. “I wish someone would do that for me 25 years ago.”

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Each category will have three rounds comprised of a one-minute elevator pitch, a booth presenting the team’s idea and a 20-minute final presentation, as well as a question-and-answer session. The judges will consist of small business owners, potential investors and professionals, such as lawyers and accountants, who work with small businesses on a daily basis.

The winner of each category will receive a six-month lease at the C.I.E. as well as a \$2,000 grant to cover start-up fees.

For more information about the competition or prizes, please contact Blackford at [blkfrd@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:blkfrd@nwmissouri.edu) or 660.562.1281.

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OUR VIEW:

# Drug abuse among young adults needs common sense approach

We've been told since the early days of our D.A.R.E. education that drugs are bad. Parents, teachers and public health advocates have hammered this point home to an almost ridiculous extreme.

Yet, the rebellious teen in all of us is inherently resistant to authority figures, even if they have our best interest at heart. It is true that the anti-drug message is often trite and cheesy to most. This message often employs seemingly innocent white lies that the youth see right through, leading to distrust of its noble motives. That's why it's important to take a common sense look at drug use among college-aged students, free from propaganda on either side of the debate with emphasis on health rather than lies and criminalization.

Adderall is the drug most commonly associated with college students. The so-called "study drug"

is used by everyone from uptight professional students to the classic hippie students. To most, Adderall is a harmless pill that allows concentration on information that we would otherwise find unreadable. While this drug affects all in different ways, it's important to understand its potential hazards. Along with the health risks that go along with abusing a drug that is not prescribed to you, Adderall can create a dependence of sorts, not as strong as other drugs, but still significant. Soon, many may find that they can't even study for classes without it.

A need for a commonsense conversation regarding Adderall also extends to all other drugs that have become a problem among young adults. College-aged students will respond to the truth, and there are so many legitimate hazards to youthful drug abuse that any serious student would seriously consider it. While

they may not give their habits up cold turkey, they may consider moderation, and that is an important first step to a lifestyle change.

In addition to education, the foundation of the approach to curtailing drug use must be the ultimate well-being of drug users. Several states have enacted "Good Samaritan" laws, which eliminate criminal penalties from those taking a friend who is overdosing on drugs to the hospital. Initiatives like this are an example of how approaches to drug use in this country are changing for the better.

Any students struggling with drug abuse should take advantage of the services that the University Wellness Center and other resources provide free of charge. No one should have to beat addiction alone.

# Election to Maryville City Council presents opportunity for real change



I'm excited to announce my candidacy for one of the open seats on the Maryville City Council. If elected, I will work with the Council to continue efforts underway to make Maryville an exciting place to live, as well as forge ahead with new ideas to make our community more attractive to residential growth and commercial enterprises.

As we pull away from the recent economic downturn, it's important to examine what makes our community strong and how we can build on our assets. With quick and convenient access to research, a strong labor pool and excellent resources readily available, I see no reason Maryville and the surrounding area can't capitalize on the new high-growth industries that are so promising to our future. In order to do that, I'd like to focus on several things if elected.

I would like to examine, and if necessary, expand the council's role in beautification around town. I'd like to see extended sidewalks throughout the Main Street corridor. I'd like to improve the aesthetics of business signage, put utility lines underground and improve landscaping throughout the commercial spaces in town, particularly South Main Street. I also hope to build on the city's commitment to removal of derelict structures in

town, creating space for new development.

I'd like to work with the council and city management on a permanent street program. To be included in this program would be the extension of Market Street south of South Avenue behind the Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart, etc. What are solutions to easing congestion in the central business district?

Maryville's critical infrastructure pertaining to water and sewer is aging and in need of replacement or at least upgrading. We must ask how we address these issues as a community and improve our critical infrastructure.

Northwest is a major part of our community. Through collaborative efforts between business leaders, the City Council and University administrators, we have an opportunity to capitalize on the steady climb out of the recent economic downturn. Energy and agriculture are huge opportunities for research, development, expansion, etc. NWMSU became a pioneer in alternative energy before it was en vogue. How can the City Council work with the University to attract agriculture and energy startups to the community/Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship? There's an endless supply of researchers here....we need to work together to get startups into Maryville and the CIE. Then we need to keep them here. We need to work at putting Maryville on the map again. Perhaps an agreement to put all locally utilized public vehicles, including police, fire, sheriff, city maintenance vehicles, local University fleet vehicles, county vehicles, etc.

on natural gas. This kind of forward thinking can get people in the private sector as well as Jefferson City and Washington, D.C. talking about Maryville. Let's create innovative and positive exposure for our community.

We also need to attract business to our vacant retail and industrial space.

Maryville's emergency services need a centralized place from which to operate, with classrooms, covered parking, fitness accommodations, etc.

As far as the alcohol ordinances go, I've gone back and forth on the issues outlined in the council's comprehensive alcohol plan, as there are good arguments on both sides. After reading the proposed ordinances, however, it's troubling that they are aimed at a particular demographic...our student population. It can be viewed as an attack on them. The last thing they need is another reason to leave. I would be happier leaving the laws the way they were (bar entry age) or are (the remaining ordinances in the comprehensive plan). Instead, I think we need to focus on enforcement of current laws and education regarding consumption, health and especially behavior. The proposed ordinances will not, in any way, change behavior.

Rather than aiming legislation at the young people in town, I think we need to focus on keeping them in town and putting down roots. Collectively, we need to create opportunities for expansion of industry and make Maryville an attractive place to raise a family and do business.

# Evolution denial is the laughing stock of the science community



Last week in the Missourian, I wrote a personal column arguing against a proposed bill in the Missouri House of Representatives that would denigrate the teaching of evolution in public schools. The tone of my writing made it quite clear that I feel strongly about this issue and its implications on the youth of Missouri and throughout the country.

While I have the utmost confidence in my claims, I am aware the topic of evolution draws ire from those of all circles. So when I received a letter from a concerned reader, I knew I would disagree with its content. Despite this, it was encouraging to know that my concern for this issue is shared by others. For this reason, a fair examination of the criticism leveled at the arguments in my writing is certainly warranted.

The first criticism of my argument concerns the debate about evolution within the scientific community. The author writes that "there is actually quite bit of debate within the scientific community" in regards to evolution. What follows is a mention of 800 Ph.D. scientists involved in the "Dissent From Darwin Project," which was issued by the Discovery Institute, a conservative Christian think tank. There are several problems with this point, yet in the inter-

est of keeping things brief, I will cite only two.

To begin, it is worth noting that an overwhelming amount of these "dissenting" scientists aren't even experts in the field of biology. According to the Discovery Institute's own survey in 2006, only about a quarter of the scientists dissenting from evolution are even biologists. Since there are more than 900,000 biologists in the United States, the dissent amounted to only .01 percent of biology experts in the United States. Is that really a "controversy?"

To highlight this lunacy, the National Center for Science Education started "Project Steve," which sought only scientists named Steve to sign a document affirming evolution. There are over 1,200 "Steves" on this list as of 2012.

I also take serious issue with the second claim that "many more privately disagree but fear retribution from the Darwinists entrenched academia." Yes, because instead of pointing to a widespread lack of scientific support in the work of the dissenters, all scientists who accept evolution are engaged in a sort of conspiracy to protect the sacred cow of evolution. This assertion is simply ridiculous. The idea of dissent is fundamental in the practice of all science. Without it, almost every major scientific discovery would not have the weight it enjoys today. An example would be Einstein's famous theory of universal gravitation that replaced the Newtonian understanding of gravity.

The second paragraph of the letter takes issue with my critique of Congressman Koenig's reasoning

behind introducing an anti-evolution bill. The author asserts that students like myself "only heard one side of the debate" while we were in school. To illustrate this, he cites several "Founding Fathers" of science who believed in creation and the Bible.

There are several points to consider when evaluating this list of scientists. One of which is that Charles Darwin's "Origin of Species" was published in 1859. Isaac Newton, Blaise Pascal, Francis Bacon and Johannes Kepler all published their work and died before evolution was even proposed by Darwin. Of the few other scientists mentioned, only Louis Pasteur and Gregor Mendel could be called biologists. It is also impossible to know the true thoughts of these scientists because many lived in a time where questioning the Church on things like the origin of life was dangerous. This gives weight to the fact that these figures were instrumental in the development of science as a discipline, but are not relevant to a debate about one particular scientific theory.

See, this debate is ultimately not about evolution science, it's about injecting biblical teachings into schools through a back door. Can anyone honestly assert that, even if creationism were off the table as an alternative to evolution, there would be any interest or effort in debunking evolution? An honest person would never make that claim.

Religion and science can and should peacefully coexist. However, this can't happen if religion is subtly injected to the science classrooms and taught to impressionable students.

# Legitimate grounds to impeach Nixon exist



Impeachment is a beautiful, yet deadly political tactic in the legislature's proverbial playbook.

In most of our history classes growing up, and from our parents, we learned about the President Nixon scandal in the early 1970s regarding Watergate. We also lived through, although we were younger, the Bill Clinton scandal emerging in 1998, which, while not ending in impeachment, was common discourse amongst members of Congress at the time.

These types of events get global attention, yet what if there were impeachment filings closer to home; say against the governor of Missouri, Jay Nixon (D-MO)? Some Bearcats may or may not have heard what is happening in our own state.

As we all should know, both the federal government and state governments have constitutions. According to the Missouri State Constitution regarding impeachment filing, elected officials can be impeached for, "... crimes, misconduct, habitual drunkenness, willful neglect of duty, corruption in office, incompetency or any offense involving moral turpitude or oppression in office." So where's the basis for the impeachment filing, and who's leading the charge?

In November of 2013, Nixon signed an executive order covering many bases, ranging from taxes to gun permits to driver's licenses.

The overall order itself isn't being targeted – just a single portion. The part that Missouri House Rep. Nick Marshall (R-MO), representing the Parkville area, believes warrants an impeachment trial proceeding is the fact that in the executive order, Nixon states that same-sex couples who are legally married outside of Missouri may file taxes jointly (as a married couple). Is this a world-ending concept? Absolutely not. However, there is enough of a basis to file the impeachment. This doesn't necessarily mean that it will move to trial. I could explain that, but I'm afraid my column would run a bit too long. The basis under which Rep. Marshall is filing is "willful neglect of duty."

Rep. Marshall defends his position, disputes any claims that this ordeal is just a political media stunt and claims that it actually has legal merit. The Missouri Constitution, in the Second Amendment, says that "to be a valid marriage and recognized in this state, a marriage shall exist only between a man and a woman." Rep. Marshall says that by allowing and accepting joint filings from couples who can't legally marry in the state, Nixon is breaching the law. This goes against the Missouri Constitution, thus leading to the 'willful neglect of duty' claim.

In the interest of the reader, I will keep my political views out of this in order to better stir thoughts and conversation amongst my fellow Bearcats. I highly recommend that you follow this story, because while it may not be making top national headlines, it is close to home and deals with our direct executive officer.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Evolution denial happens to have valid scientific merit

**ROB LESTER**  
Pastor | Maryville Church of Christ

In your editorial from the Jan. 30 issue of the Northwest Missourian regarding House Bill 1587, you wrote, "almost all scientists now agree that evolution is the only explanation..." and "evolution is not a controversy in the scientific community." There is actually quite a bit of debate within the scientific community. The Dissent From Darwin Project has the signatures of more than 800 scientists who hold at least one Ph.D. Many more privately disagree but fear retribution from the Darwinists entrenched in academia.

You admitted that your knowledge of the debate is based solely upon "basic courses in middle school and high school." That is precisely the point Congressman Koenig (R-District 99) and others are trying to make. While attending those public school classes you only heard one side of the debate - a side which is fiercely protected from any criticism. You also wrote that "there is a large consensus of professional men of science who have concluded evolution's validity."

Would it surprise you that nearly all the "Founding Fathers" of science were creationists? Men like Sir Isaac Newton, Blaise Pascal, Louis Pasteur, Gregor Mendel, Francis Bacon, Johannes Kepler, as well as later pioneers such as George Washington Carver and Wernher Von Braun, all believed in creation and the Bible.

Your assertion that the scientific community welcomes critiques of theories is simply not true. Peer-reviewed journals will not publish any research which even hints at questioning Darwinism. Then, evolutionists point to the lack of peer-reviewed research as evidence that creationism has no credibility. Your article appeared on the "opinion" page. That is exactly the problem with evolution. Opinion is presented as absolute fact through hyperbole and overstatement. I have documentation and numerous articles to back up my statements, and I would be eager to share them with anyone having genuine interest in honest examination of the whole debate.

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DRUGS

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2007. This provides us great info about our students here at Northwest and gives us an opportunity to compare ourselves to the rest of the state.”

The survey is sent out to a random sample of students at Northwest and 20 other colleges, and Kennymore highly encourages students who receive the email to complete the survey.

“We use the data we get from the survey to guide our prevention programming throughout the year,” she said.

Both the SAMHSA survey and the MCHBS survey cover a variety of drugs, and according to data from the MCHBS, Northwest appears to be on par with the rest of the state.

These surveys include stimulants, like Adderall. Use of such substances are swiftly climbing the charts for abuse. Adderall is medically prescribed to treat Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder. Students frequently use the drug to increase focus during studying, have more energy and lose weight. Adderall is listed on the National Institute on Drug Abuse’s commonly abused prescription drug list, and these small hyper-packed pills are not only easy to get, but are easy to get addicted to.

Adderall is an amphetamine and is known to be habit-forming. The federal government classifies Adderall as a schedule II drug, which according to U.S. law, has the “highest abuse potential and dependence profile of all drugs that have medical utility.” This classification puts Adderall on the shelf with drugs such as morphine, oxycodone

and cocaine. However, obtaining a prescription for Adderall is easier than some may think, despite the dangers of abuse.

“You just have to know the right things to say,” junior Tiffany Sengvong said. “If you tell them you can’t sit still and can’t focus, they’re most likely going to give you a prescription for Adderall or Ritalin or something like it, and people know it. Even if they don’t need it, they know they can say those things and get it prescribed to them.”

Evidence of another common college substance can be found wafting around house parties. Results from SAMHSA’s survey reported the rate of marijuana use at 18.7 percent in young adults aged 18 to 25. The drug is listed as the most commonly used illicit drug in the U.S. by NIDA.

“I’ve witnessed it at numerous parties,” senior Betsy Heitshusen said. “I think people taking drugs, especially weed, at parties is common, or if they aren’t doing it there, they show up having previously done it.”

Some would argue marijuana is not a matter of substance abuse but instead of enjoying life. A telephone poll conducted by Opinion Research Corporation International and CNN in January found that “55 percent of those questioned nationally said marijuana should be made legal, with 44 percent disagreeing.”

The federal government has classified marijuana as a schedule I substance, meaning it has no medicinal uses and a high risk for abuse, but two states have legalized the drug for adult recreational use, and 20 states have created laws allowing it for use as treatment for certain medical conditions.

On this matter, the MCHBS con-

tradicted SAMSHA findings, reporting almost 80 percent of Northwest students did not use marijuana at all, and those who did only used it one to six times during the last year.

The new bar-entry age has Michelle Jones, licensed counselor and co-owner of New Beginnings Counseling Center, concerned, especially on the topic of marijuana.

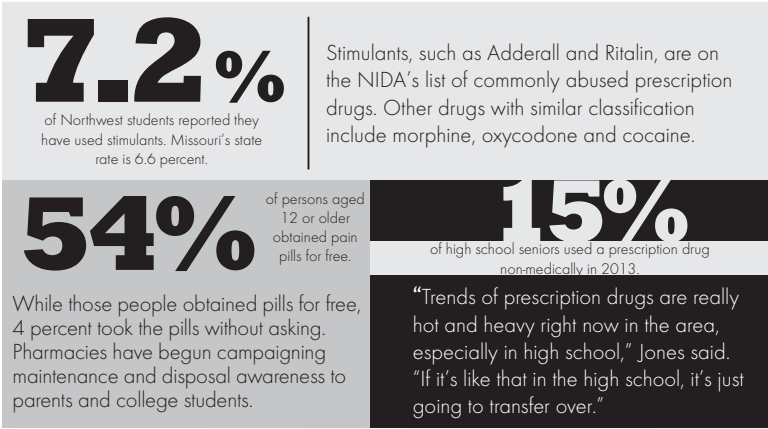
“My biggest concern is where they are going to go,” Jones said. “Where are they going to go, and what are they going to do? Are they going to move from alcohol to marijuana because it’s easier to conceal?”

Jones also worries about the rising numbers in high school use of prescription drugs. To combat maintenance and disposal awareness of pain pills, the Wellness Center will host its own Drug Take Back Event with Maryville Public Safety, University Police and the campus and community coalition Maryville Partners in Prevention April 26.

“We are hoping to have quite a few students participate and turn in any expired, unwanted or unused prescription drugs that they no longer need before they move out for the year,” Kennymore said. “This will be the first time all of these areas have collaborated this much on the event, so we’re excited about it.”

At Northwest, the MCHBS showed 7.5 percent of those surveyed had used pain medications with a doctor’s prescription, such as Vicodin, OcyCotin, Tylenol 3 with codeine, Demerol and morphine. Other prescription drugs such as sedatives or anxiety medication were reported at 2.1 percent for the college.

“I know people that will sell, or



even give away, their old pain pills from surgeries or whatever,” Sengvong said. “Either they make them sick or they just don’t take them all, and then there are people who want to buy them to get high.”

While not as common as stimulants or opiates, MDMA is also common and increasing among youth and college students. The use of MDMA has steadily grown since its initial appearance in the early 1990s. Jones named this as one that is showing up more increasingly in the Maryville area.

A drug that produces feelings of increased energy, and euphoria, the perceived risk of using of MDMA has sharply dropped, nearly 20 percent over the last seven years. A particularly dangerous aspect of MDMA is the unpredictable possibility of a large increase in body temperature which can result in death or liver, kidney or cardiovascular system failure.

Despite an obvious increase in illicit drug use across the nation – 8 percent since 2002 – there is still a wide

treatment gap.

New Beginnings is the only treatment center in a five county area that offers day treatment, intensive outpatient treatment and supported recovery for juveniles, adolescents and adults. Jones received 10 to 15 referrals from the college last semester for substance abuse assessment, naming marijuana and alcohol as two of the biggest culprits. The Northwest Wellness Center offers counseling and referrals, but with only three licensed counselors, resources are scarce.

The Wellness Center will sponsor several events over the next few months leading up to spring break.

Cahill believes the University could be key in helping students avoid substances, or those who already use them.

“I know they do seminars for drinking and stuff, but open that up to the dangers of party drugs, how to actually be responsible and if you do find yourself using drugs, how to get out of it and the resources to actually help yourself stay away from it,” he said.

ALCOHOL

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said. “Also, education about how those will be enforced. I still think there are some misconceptions and misgivings about all that right now.”

The nuisance party ordinance states, “It shall be unlawful for any persons having the right to possession of any residential premises, whether individually or jointly with others, to cause or permit a social gathering on the premises to become a nuisance party.” Law enforcement then can order any gathering of 10 or more people to disperse, but only if they are contributing to one of their “triggers,” such as disturbing the peace, littering or fighting, without a complaint.

According to the open container draft or-

dinance, “It shall be unlawful for any person to drink, expose or display any alcoholic beverages in open containers upon the public rights-of-way or city-owned property, or any place open to the public.” Currently, the open container law only applies to anyone in a moving vehicle.

Though the University is not opposed to the law, Jasinski said “if clarification is brought forward, I think the University can get on board.”

Councilman Jeff Funston said the council wants to avoid making the wrong decision and putting power in the wrong hands.

“We want to avoid a bad outcome if at all possible. We’re giving a broad range of power here to police, to the point where it could be abused,” Funston said. “I’ve heard stories about students getting tazed because they were running away from a party. I don’t know if these are true; I just want to

know to the extent what the enforcement is.”

With a vote being held off until a later meeting, Councilman Glen Jonagan wants to let students know that this is for the better of the community.

“I get stressed when we get the perception that we’re out to harm. Here is an opportunity to show people that public safety is advocating for students,” Jonagan said. “They’re not just saying how you can be safe, but also be a good neighbor.”

Councilwoman Renee Riedel, who voted against the previous bar-entry age ordinance, applauds her colleagues for wanting not to rush the laws through.

“I think this is the comprehensive approach we wanted to do,” Riedel said.

As Jasinski brought up, student liaison senior Dannen Merrill wanted City Council to clarify

what policies will be in place and the reasoning for the ordinances.

“I hope the council is able to hear the concerns voiced by the student body, the group that will see the greatest impact from the ordinances,” Merrill said. “I also hope students can gain a clear understanding of what these ordinances mean and how they would be enforced should they be passed. Last year, when the issue of the bar-entry age first came up, great efforts were put into hearing student feedback. As President Jasinski pointed out, those same measures hadn’t been taken yet, and they should be.”

City staff and council plan to meet with leaders of Northwest and hold a public forum, though no date has been specified yet. The City Council’s next meetings will take place Feb. 24 and March 10.

GOLF

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“As a result, he made some adjustments and gave us a revised routing. They have enough information to do final drawings, but they do not have a final design.”

If the City Council approves the project, which could be brought to them in the next few meetings, construction should begin this spring, and the course should be open by spring 2015, according to Twaddle.

One of the largest donors to the project is the Wadsworth Charity Foundation. This organization donates large sums of money to get younger people into golfing, especially economically disadvantaged youth. The Foundation donated \$250,000, the largest amount it can donate to a specific project.

The course would benefit youth in more ways than just a place to play. Mozingo will also partner with The First Tee, an organization that teaches youth how to golf while posing life lessons and building character.

Northwest also recently partnered with Starting New At Golf (SNAG), which teaches children the terminology and skills. Northwest provides the facilities and golf clubs and hopes to expand to area schools similar to the clinic held in January on campus.

The group heading the project hopes to continue these programs as well as holding lessons and allowing anyone on the course. Twaddle believes the course will attract people from around the region to Mozingo, which could mean more city business.

While the new course is mostly meant for younger people between the ages of 7 and 13, the Northwest Women’s Golf Team could use this as an effective way to practice its short game.

Junior Bearcat golfer Ashley Powers believes this new course can be a big help to the team and get more people interested in the sport she is so passionate about.

“I think it’s good they’re building something for kids; it gives them a future...it is always good to see young kids play,” Powers said. “I would use it (for practice), especially because Tom Watson is involved with building it.”

With a big name involved, big money to fund it and several practical and fun uses, this new course could have a big impact on the Maryville community and economy.

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**Jan. 30**  
An accident occurred between Shelby D. Chaney, 20, and Joseph C. Prater, 21, Lone Jack, Mo., at the 1500 block of North College Drive.

**Jan. 31**  
An accident occurred between Harrison K. Vaughn, and Tina Hamilton, 43 and a citation for careless and imprudent driving was issued for Harrison K. Vaughn.

**Feb. 1**  
There is an ongoing investigation of

larceny at the 1200 block of West Sixteenth Street.

**Feb. 2**  
Dustin M. Bohr, 20, was charged with minor in possession and giving false information to a public safety officer at the 1500 block of North Main.

**Feb. 3**  
Matthew H. Hager, 24, Clearmont, Mo., was charged with driving with a revoked license.

**Feb. 4**

Adam C. Bryant, 39, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, failure to obey a steady read, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and driving while suspended.

An accident occurred between Stacie L. Clevenger, 50, and Lindsey L. Frazier, 20, at East Halsey and South Hester.

**Feb. 5**  
Trevon D. Walker, 20, was charged with being wanted on a warrant and failure to appear.

A wallet was recovered at the 200 block of East Third Street.

**Feb. 6**  
An accident occurred between an unknown driver, Dominic G. Wonderly and Raymond J. Snead at the 300 block of South Davis Street.

An accident occurred between Kathryn Hornickel, 34, and Jason Yarnell and a citation was issued for Kathryn Hornickel for careless and impudent driving at the 100 block of North

Grand Avenue.

**Feb. 8**  
Cody Matthewson, 22, was charged with permitting a peace disturbance at the 800 block of North Walnut. McKenzie J. Christensen, 19, was charged with minor in possession.

**Feb. 9**  
Jordyn R. Leal, 20, was charged with disorderly conduct and minor in possession at the 200 block of North Market.



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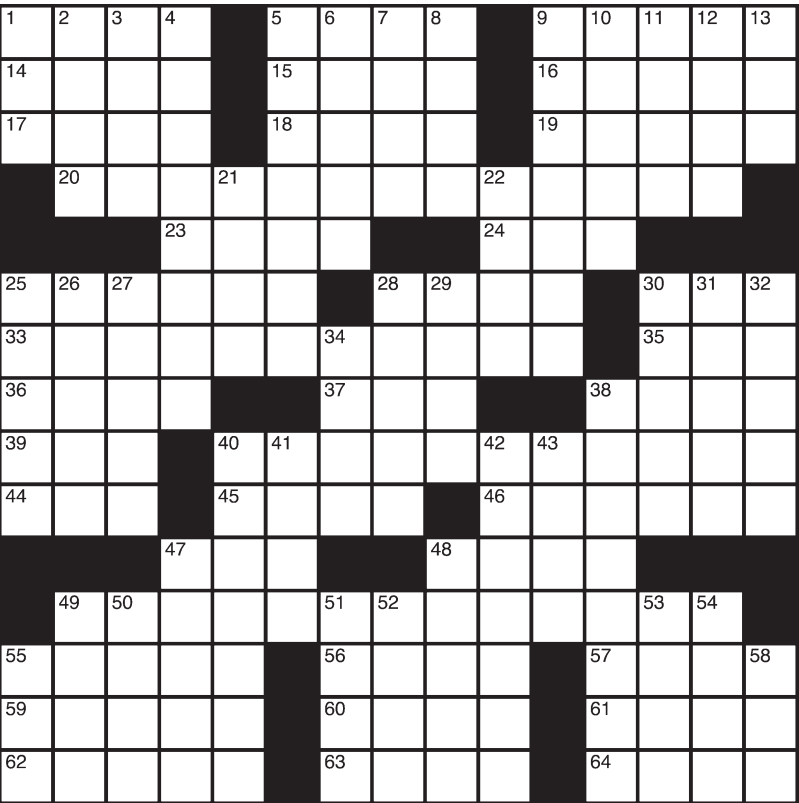
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Aries, strange forces seem to be working against you, but fortunately you are prepared for anything that comes your way. Allow for some time to get things settled.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, keep a firm hand on your wallet so you can avoid spending well beyond your means. It is best if you avoid making any impulse purchases in the near future.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, listen carefully when a family member comes to you with some sage advice. Even a seemingly relaxed conversation may prove fruitful.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you may seem rushed this week, but resist the temptation to go faster than is comfortable for you. Take your time so things are done right the first time.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you may have so much fun this week that you don't realize you have been getting work done in the process. Your attitude is even inspiring others around you.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Take a step back when you don't see eye to eye with a colleague, Virgo. Disagreements can quickly escalate, so keep a level head and take all things into consideration.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, your intuition and ability to work with people closely will make your life much more enjoyable. Make use of these talents as you pursue a new career path.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Falling into a slump just isn't your style, Scorpio. Even if things don't seem to be going your way, your attitude and work ethic will make the most of the situation.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, playing games with someone can be fun, but don't let things turn into a serious rivalry. Focus on being lighthearted this week.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, your responsible nature helps those in your care to feel safe and secure. It is good to show others how much they mean to you, and you have been doing it correctly.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Some well-hidden information could come to the surface, and you will have the ability to put it to use, Aquarius. Just don't let the power go to your head.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you must deal with a potentially delicate matter in the days to come. Keep a cool head and remain confident.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY 9

Judith Light, Actress (65)

FEBRUARY 10

Emma Roberts, Actress (23)

FEBRUARY 11

Sheryl Crow, Singer (52)

FEBRUARY 12

Jesse Spencer, Actor (35)

FEBRUARY 13

Peter Gabriel, Singer (64)

FEBRUARY 14

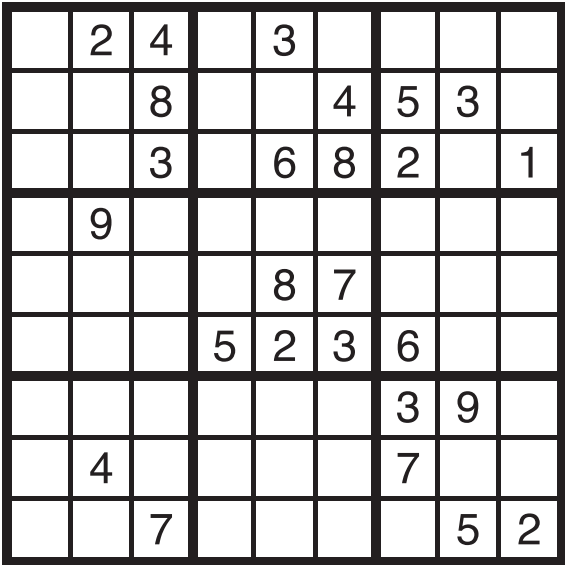
Freddie Highmore, Actor (22)

FEBRUARY 15

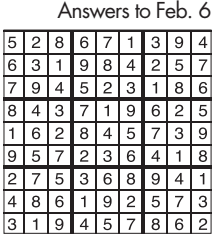
Amber Riley, Actress/Singer (28)

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WORD SCRAMBLE

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Guess Who?

I was born on February 14, 1934 in Indiana. Although I have starred in many different projects, I will forever be known for the hit 70s TV show in which I played matriarch to a large, blended family.

Answers: Florence Henderson

ARITHMETIC WORD SEARCH



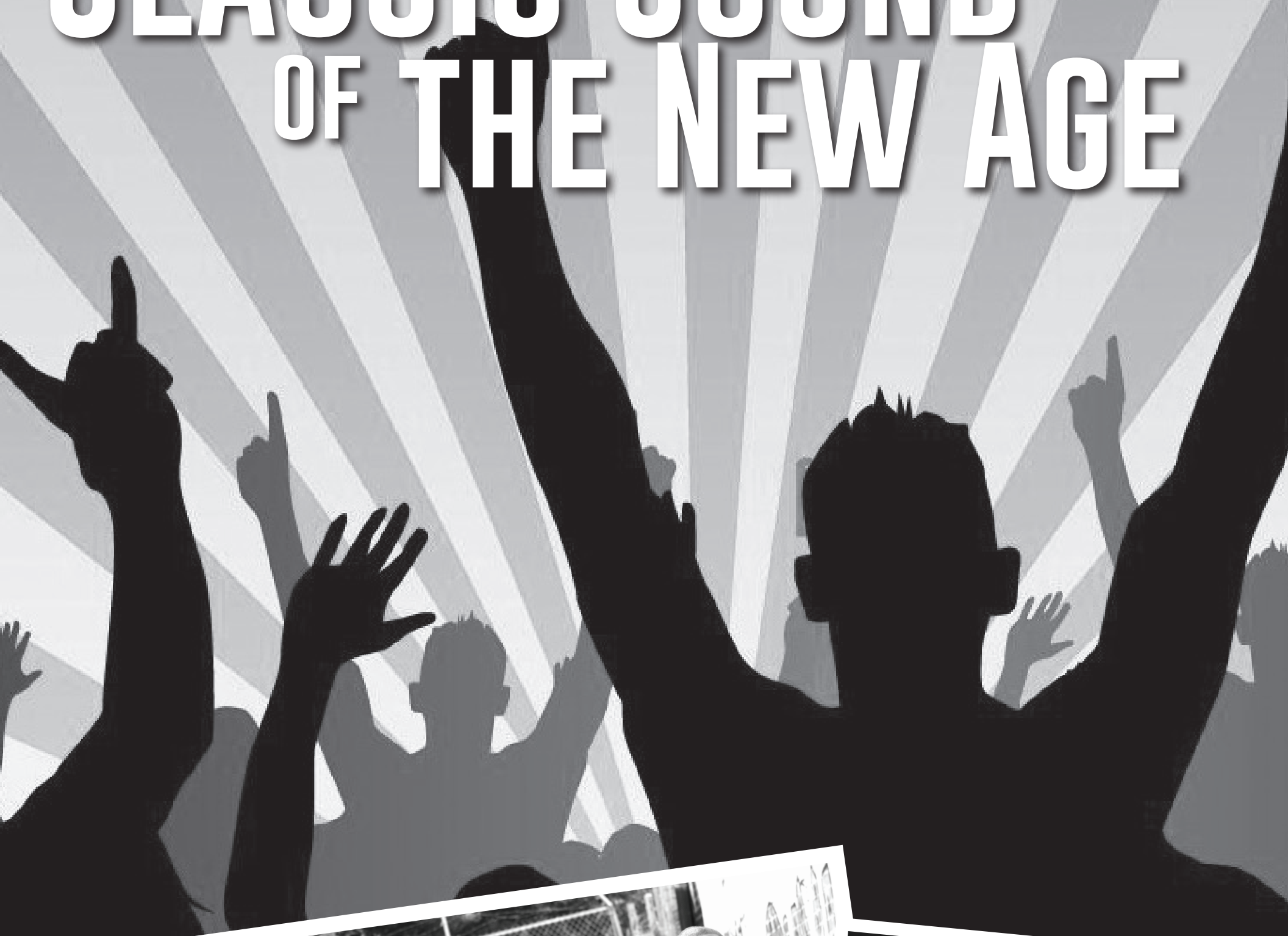
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- ABSOLUTE
- ACCURACY
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- ANALYTIC
- ANGLE
- BASE
- BINOMIAL
- CALCULUS
- CIRCUMFERENCE
- COEFFICIENT
- COMPLEMENT
- COMPOUND
- CONGRUENCE
- DEGREE
- DENOMINATOR
- DIFFERENCE
- DIGIT
- EQUATION
- FRACTION
- FUNCTION
- GEOMETRY
- MATRIX
- MEAN
- MEDIAN
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- RULES
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- SOLUTION
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## Listen up: KaZual is bringing it back with a new kick

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They are the classic, old blues sound for the modern generation. With snaps, harmony and sweet, silky voices they are ready to lay it all out on the stage. The group KaZual, which performed in Ron Huston Center for the Performing Arts Wednesday night, is a combination of family, music and history.

The members of the group have been singing and performing for more than half of their lives. They started as part of a church group, but eventually, the four boys broke off and built their own family performance show. The group includes Playbio, Mac-D, lil Gabe, who are all brothers, and their cousin E Jae. Their rising fame got them a spot on several shows, including “America’s Got Talent,” “Next Superstars of Tomorrow” and even the BET network.

“First of all, we are family,” Playbio said. “Three of us are brothers, and we just started singing in church, and we decided to branch off and form a group...We started KaZual in Columbus, Ga.”

The group’s style is known to be an R&B, hip-hop, and dirty pop collaboration, but the group members themselves don’t like to limit or categorize their music creations.

“You know, a little bit of everything,” KaZual group members agreed. “We are considered an R&B, pop group, but we take a lot of influence from a lot of different genres. Some of our stuff is very pop-based, and some is very R&B-based. We really don’t classify ourselves. It’s just whatever comes out.”

February being Black History Month, the boys are

thinking of all the legends before them who set the stage for their rising recognition. They mention several artists who really influence the music they create and really set the bar for this new, young group. They work to fulfill their dreams by following in the footsteps before them by combining their family music background with the black entertainers before their time.

“There have been so many black entertainers that have paved the way,” the group said. “If it wasn’t for groups like The Temptation, groups like us wouldn’t be here. Some of the other past groups, like Boyz II Men, they have all been a great influence and inspiration to us. Even the Jackson Five, everyone loves Michael Jackson.”

“All of these different entertainers have had influence on us. Black History Month is a great time for us. It’s ways for us to give back and show that influence that a lot of black entertainers have had on us.”

These guys don’t just love music, it has been in their lives since the day they were born. Two of their fathers are musicians and can ultimately claim the title as their biggest inspirations when it comes to creating music.

“We were brought up on the things that our parents would listen to,” the brothers said. “And they would listen to a lot of great musicians, like Stevie Wonder, Sam Cooke, Marvin Gaye. A lot of those are very old school. It’s hard to say what our biggest inspiration is.”

“I would actually say our parents. Our parents are musicians as well. Both of our fathers would have to be our biggest inspiration. We come from a musical family. We were pretty much around music our whole lives.”

Black History Month is a time where these acclaimed stars can look back and think of all the entertainers and musicians who influence their music today and change their views of performing.

“All of the people that paved the way for us. They did great things. They were a great example for us, and I think that is one of the great things about black history. We really admire and hold pride.”

KaZual has high hopes for the show and anticipates that Northwest students will love every minute of the interactive, live show. This Student Activities Council event is sure to strike some emotion or inspiration out of the audience members who attend.

“I have watched YouTube videos of them, and they sound pretty cool,” SAC member Paige Volkens said. “I can’t wait to see them perform and feel the atmosphere will be like in the auditorium.”

“KaZual was brought to campus not only to add diversity to campus events for Black History Month, but also because of their incredible acapella sound,” SAC member Jake Rosenquist said. “This creates a unique opportunity to hear a broad range of hits in this musical style.”

KaZual was honored to perform at Northwest and hopes that students are pumped about its unusual, uplifting talent.

“I’m sure we are going to have a great time because our show is very interactive, and so far, we have been getting great reviews on our shows,” KaZual members said. “So, hopefully, they (students) will enjoy themselves...It’s a family affair...We can’t wait to perform for you guys, and we are sure that it will be a good time.”



THE STROLLER:

Your Man will not attend the Northwest spring concert

Well flip me twice and call me a flap jack, Binturongs. If you haven't heard the big news yet, you might want to grab some wood because this is gonna hit you like a 2x4. Student Activities Council is blessing us with two headliners and an opening act for this year's spring concert. I know, try to control your exuberance... because it's 100 percent country \*record scratch. Or banjo scratch, I think that'd be more appropriate. And before you get your horses all riled up aggies, no, it's not Blake, Jason, Kenny, Billy, Bob, Thurgood or Chet. Nope, we can't even afford the popular yet terrible country artists. No, we got Jana Kramer, Sarah Darling and Gloriana. Don't worry, Your Man's never heard of them either. My girlfriend informs me (yeah

Your Man is cuffed up) that this Jana chick was stuck in one of those trees on some hill. As for the other two, I was sure Sarah Darling was a made-up name, and it was actually just Prince going through one of his phases. And Gloriana, I thought that was some really hot girl, but you know she's probably one of the girls made fun of all through school because she was weird and had a stupid name and didn't get attractive till senior year of high school. Turns out, it was some girl and two dudes. Don't worry, I'm just hating on people who like country, though your trucks are too damn loud. You'd think that'd scare away that "huge" buck you keep saying you shot that one time (over compensating much?) But yeah, I don't even remember the

fall concert. Can't we just be done with this monotony? I vote we get rid of the semester concerts, and have one big, relevant, money making concert toward the end of the year. And a question for you aggies, what constitutes country? Is T-Swift still country? Because as I listened to these artists making my ears bleed I wondered, "do all these truck loving, beer drinking, cattle roping, plaid wearing, boot stomping, chew spittin', banjo strumming momma's boys and country darling saps have to have such annoying twangs? The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WHAT'S HOT

Winter Olympics

They have begun. Figure skating, figure skating and more figure skating. Tune in to NBC to watch all the excitement, thrills and triumphs that go on during the winter events.

Katy's followers

Katy Perry is the most followed person on Twitter, ever. She now has 50 million followers. She beat out Lady GaGa, Justin Bieber and even President Barack Obama.

Hearts & Arts Pottery

The Clay Club has unique bowls, mugs, cups, etc. for sale in the J.W. Jones Student Union for Valentine's Day. There will also be a raffle to sign up for. Get something special for your loved ones!

WHAT'S NOT

Bye Bye Birdy

The owner of the new Flappy Bird app has completely taken the app off the market. He claims that the app has ruined his life due to hazing from people addicted to the app. If you already have the app., keep it. It is no longer available for download.

Celebrity fight cancelled

The much looked-forward to celebrity boxing match between George Zimmerman and rapper DMX has been cancelled. The promoter of the match said he would rather make people happy (the fight caused a bit of an uproar) than make money off the big fight.

Shia's meltdown

Not only did he storm out of the press conference for his new film, "Nymphomaniac" LaBeouf showed up for the red carpet with his face covered with a paper bag. In black marker, the sack read, "I'm not famous anymore." What is going on with you, Shia?

Billboard Hot 100 Songs

- 1. Dark Horse-Katy Perry ft. Juicy J
- 2. Drunk in Love-Beyoncé ft. Jay Z
- 3. Timber- Pitbull ft. Ke\$ha
- 4. Talk Dirty-Jason Derulo ft. 2 Chainz
- 5. Counting Stars-OneRepublic
- 6. Let Her Go-Passenger
- 7. Say Something-A Great Big World ft. Christina Aguilera
- 8. Happy-Pharrell Williams
- 9. Royals-Lorde
- 10. Team-Lorde

Billboard Top 200

- 1. Frozen-Soundtrack
- 2. 2014 Grammy Nominees-Various Artists
- 3. Pure Heroine-Lorde
- 4. Restoring Force- Of Mice & Men
- 5. Beyoncé-Beyoncé
- 6. Thrive- Casting Crowns
- 7. Unorthodox Jukebox- Bruno Mars
- 8. Night Visions-Imagine Dragons
- 9. PRISM-Katy Perry
- 10. Random Access Memories-Daft Punk



AMC's "The Walking Dead" mid-season premiere aired Sunday night, but ended with fans having many questions about the upcoming episodes. Tune in next Sunday to see if the prevailing storyline picks up pace or if this popular show might be dwindling.

'The Walking Dead' should stay buried

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The mid-season premiere of AMC's "The Walking Dead" failed to leave the viewers with anticipation for the second half of season four on Sunday nights. With the Governor, who played the role of the hated villain, dead and the prison attack in the past, the premiere left anxious fans with many unanswered questions. One of those being..."so now what?" In my eyes, the show was drawn-out and failed to provide any kind of storyline in any sense. For the first

30 minutes of the hour-long episode, Carl and Rick began a long, uneventful search for refuge. Michonne shows off her impressive skills with a sword, which was actually quite cool. But there was no event track to actually get watchers involved or motivate them to pay attention. Teenage Carl is dead-set on proving his manhood in this episode. He demands respect as a zombie-slayer and survivor from his father. His attempt to prove himself results in wasted bullets and a lost shoe. In an attempt to seem more mature, he even tosses curse words like exclamation marks, and it leaves you wish-

ing Rick would put his mouthy son in place. The first sign of any drama or event comes when Rick, who is already in bad shape from fighting with the Governor, appears to be dead. Carl is left to his own devices to kill the attacking zombies. He soon learns the hard way that he can't survive on his own after all. The real thrill came from Michonne's scene where she single-handedly took out a flock of zombies with her sword. This looked-forward-to episode failed to clearly answer whether baby Judith is dead or alive from where they

left off back in December. You spend the entire episode anticipating the climax up to the very end. Granted, the first episodes are meant to set you up for the remaining season. With that in mind, I guess you could say they definitely left you wanting more... a lot more.

Rating: 2/5  
Director:  
Executive Producer: David Alpert, Tom Luse  
Release Date: Feb. 9, 2014

Billy Ray has lost his marbles, joined the twerkfest nation

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Billy Ray Cyrus is bringing it back with an interesting twist. There was a video created this week entitled, "Achy Breaky 2," and it is honestly something I never thought I would see from father-figure Cyrus. Do not try to be your daughter, Billy Ray Cyrus. You know better. I have no words. But...I do. This music video includes Billy Ray, of course, and Damon Elliott, who created the idea for this abnormal, freaky video. There are semi-nude girls lined up on the walls attempting to twerk, while Cyrus strums on his guitar with his ratty, nasty long hair covering his eyes. Pictures flash back and forth between Elliott surrounded by girls attempting to dance and Cyrus, sunglasses and all, with his white guitar. Just the afterthought of this video makes me gag. Billy is trying to be Miley Cyrus, and it's killing me. There are "dancers" that appear two-thirds of the way through the video wearing bright red jackets that read "Beat Freaks." I don't even want to know what that means. They are in a formation, and in the middle is Elliot trying to break it down. There are young teenage girls everywhere twerking, smoking substances and even playing violin crouched down on the ground. And there are way too many naked girl butts in this video. This is gross.

Not only does the imagery in this video make me want to puke, but the song itself is God-awful. It is the classic chorus from the original "Achy Breaky Heart," but with a bass beat in the background that ruins it. Plus, the rapping by Elliott is not up to par. If you can even consider that rapping. Elliott raps, "Miley keeps twerking/ Daddy's song is working/Now Billy sing that crazy hook again." Then Billy chimes in squealing, "Wrecking Ball!" and goes on to sing "Achy Breaky Heart." It's as if he was trying to just keep Miley's image going. He's trying to keep the twerkfest alive, especially with the call-out to Miley in the middle. When I first saw this video, I didn't even think that was Billy Ray. I literally thought it was a parody video that some bored teenagers created for laughs. But no. This is real life, people. And to make the whole thing even worse, the setting of this music video is in a spaceship. Because that makes a lot of sense. Elliot and Cyrus are beamed up in the beginning of the video by these alien hussies and seem to be "abducted." Not only is this just random and creepy, but these girls are about 30 years younger than these two grown men.



Billy Ray Cyrus rocks out with his white guitar in his new music video, while dancers twerk around him.

Honestly, I have nothing positive to say about this video except the makeup on the alien girls is somewhat cool-looking. Lots of colors, glitter and shiny stuff. Which really works well with all the fog they are producing from dancing and smoking. I don't understand, Billy Ray. I feel like all your real fans just lost all respect for you and possibly your music. It must be a mid-life crisis or a desperate cry for some attention. Because trust me, anyone who sees this video is going to laugh or think it is a joke.

Clooney's 'The Monuments Men' underwhelms audiences

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Everyone knows and loves good ole' George Clooney. But, his fifth film as director may fall a little short...or a lot short. The cast of this film includes Clooney, Matt Damon, John Goodman and Bill Murray as the main characters. Although there was a stellar cast of old Hollywood favorites, the execution of "The Monuments Men" was quite disappointing. The storyline includes a group of art experts who team up to recover the most treasured art in Europe. This gem of art was stolen by the Nazis during World War II. Clooney's character assembles a team of the most knowledgeable, intelligent men in the field, and they head overseas to investigate the missing masterpiece. They soon learn that the Germans intend to steal all the art to contribute to a big museum in Hitler's honor, which creates a bit of a fuss. This is the big drama event of the movie. A relevant theme that is touched on several times throughout the film is that art and creation is what defines a culture. And once time washes away all other evidence, the preservation of art is worth fighting for. It tells our history, our past and our lives in the present time and will be passed down for generations to come. The film is based on a true story and has an intriguing premise...With such well-known actors, it would be hard to end up with a less than spectacular film, but somehow they are have pulled off a dud. However, poor writing, a lack of interesting plot



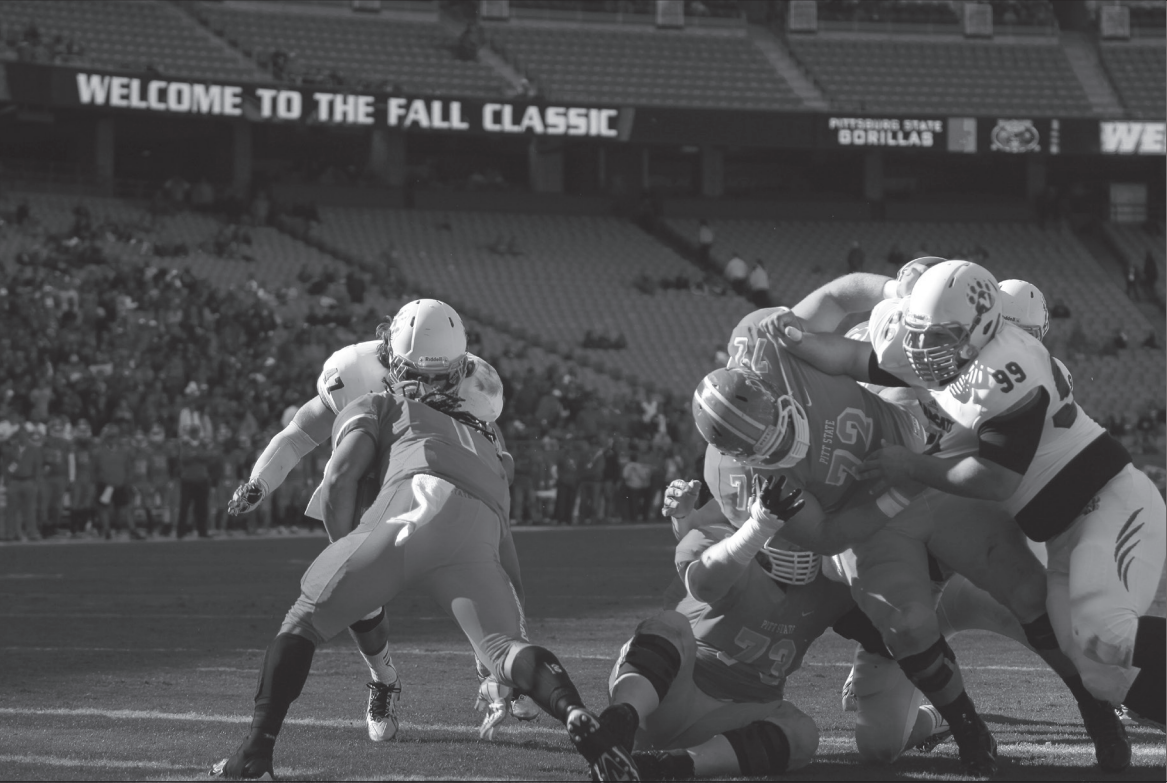
"The Monuments Men" hit the big screen Feb. 7 and was expected to receive excellent reviews. However, the lack of storyline and poor writing allowed it to fall short.

points and no prevailing progression hold this one back from becoming a classic. It is clear what Clooney was hoping to do with the film, but as we watch him deliver lackluster lines, which he co-wrote, it is hard not to think the entire project was an exercise in self-indulgence. It's not all bad, as there are some humorous and enjoyable scenes scattered throughout the film. Unfortunately, though, the film makes for a long and unsatisfying 118 minutes.

Rating: 2/5  
Director: George Clooney  
Writers: George Clooney, Grant Heslov  
Release Date: Feb. 7, 2014



Storied Fall Classic game comes to an end after 12-year run



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN  
Senior linebacker Cody Matthewson makes a play on Pitt. State running back Jeff Seybold during the Fall Classic.

2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE	Sept. 4/6	Nebraska Kearney	Bearcat Stadium
	Sept. 11	Missouri Southern	Joplin, Mo.
	Sept. 20	Central Missouri	Bearcat Stadium
	Sept. 27	Central Oklahoma	Edmond, Okla.
	Oct. 4	Northeastern State	Bearcat Stadium
	Oct. 11	Lindenwood	St. Charles, Mo.
	Oct. 18	Pittsburg State (Homecoming)	Bearcat Stadium
	Oct. 25	Fort Hays State	Hays, Kan.
	Nov. 1	Missouri Western	Bearcat Stadium
	Nov. 8	Emporia State	Emporia, Kan.
	Nov. 15	Washburn	Bearcat Stadium

BULLS
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to find a way for it not to be.” Despite the things that could possibly hold back the Bulls, they have an advantage by being located inside a hotbed of talent. Maryville has won three state titles in the last five years, and Northwest has won two national titles in that same span. “The talent we see coming out of Maryville and other small schools is extraordinary,” Townsend said. “We have all-state players come out and play. We have people that actually never played football but are really starting to stand out.” Like most indoor leagues and eight-man teams, the squads will light up the scoreboard with aerial attack,

and Nichols believes his team is set up to succeed in the tempo. “We’re going to be the surprise bunch,” Nichols said. “We’re real quick and real fast. I think we’re quicker than some of the teams I’ve seen on game tapes. Like Chris said, I’m putting a lot on his shoulders because this league is set for offensive explosion. Our defense is quick enough we could do better. Teams in the CPFL are allowed to dress 32 players per game but do not have a cap on how many players they can have on their squad. The Bulls are waiting to fortify their roster until equipment comes in and are still looking for players to who can contribute on game day. “We are looking for speed, someone who is willing to take directions

and also someone that has enough knowledge that they might be able to generate to the team,” Townsend said. “(Nichols) has been in this business for 33 years, but he can always learn something. I’ve already told my players that I’m wide open to suggestions, and I will learn from them.” Being in a town where winning is a yearly occurrence, Nichols knows expectations will be high around his team, despite being a rookie program. “This is Maryville, and we have this reputation for winning,” Nichols said. “We have to keep that ball rolling, but you have to remember that we are a first-year team. We may lose some close games, but it would be nice for sure to have that trophy. We have to remember these are some big boys we’re going against.”

SPORTS BRIEF:

Football unable to agree with Chiefs, ends Fall Classic with rival Pittsburg State in KC

After 12 years of phenomenal rivalry football at Arrowhead Stadium, the Fall Classic is officially done – at least for now. Northwest beat Pittsburg State in nine of the 12 matchups at the home of the Kansas City Chiefs, including the final two games. The Bearcats also won the first two tilts of the series and at one point, won five in a row against the Gorillas at Arrowhead. Fall Classic XII concluded the series on a high note with another tightly-contested game. Northwest came out on top to finalize things with a 24-15 victory. Junior linebacker Eric Reimer highlighted the game with 12 tackles,

3-5 tackles for loss, 2-5 sacks and a forced fumble. Reimer also tallied a late-game safety with 1:46 remaining to tack on the final score of the contest. The Fall Classic carried a proud tradition of well-attended games, including posting the highest attendance ever for a Division II sporting event in 2002, attracting 26,695 fans. Pittsburg will travel to Maryville Oct. 18 for Northwest’s 2014 Homecoming game, the first on-campus matchup between the two MIAA heavyweights since a Gorilla playoff win in The Jungle in 2011. Since that time, each team has won a Division II National Championship.

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“The four-year kids have a chance at the 1,000 career mark while a lot of the transfers don’t have a chance at it. I think it shows the quality of kids that we get here and how they develop at Northwest. “(Starzl) has always been talented and good. Now he has a lot of leadership qualities as well.” Fellow senior DeShaun Cooper scored a career-high 35 points in the same game, which ties him for sixth-most points in Bearcat history. “It felt good, but it’s what I had to do to win that game,” Cooper said. “It isn’t about scoring to me—it’s about getting wins. When you get to this point of your career, all you care about is winning.”

OPENING
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earned runs all day. Despite never practicing outside, the defense also played well with just two errors, both coming in the second outing. Loe was pleased with his team’s performance given the fact it was its first time outside this year due to weather. “I told our guys I was proud of the way we came out,” Loe said. “We played solid defense all day; I thought we pitched pretty well all day. Those are the things that I know we did well today, which we’ll improve on.” Going into this week’s matchup

CULTURE
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and fans have an opportunity to accept his life choices before he dons their team’s colors. I doubt he really wanted this to be a big story. I doubt he wanted people like me sitting here writing about it, critiquing it. But here I am, evaluating his life choices. Not because I want to, but because Sam may have set the new precedent for gay athletes everywhere and how they are accepted in the professional field. This could end speculations and dilemmas that have surrounded the likes of Kerry Rhodes,

Cooper is averaging 16 points per game this season and is not forcing up shots whenever he touches the ball, but rather letting the game come to him. “It’s just instincts,” Cooper said. “If they hedge, if they stay there when I hesitate...it all depends. It’s a feel of the game. If my shot is going, I shoot more. It just depends on how they play me.” The Bearcats have put together an impressive streak of victories over the last month, but are still looking to improve to be at their best when tournament time rolls around. “We’re good, but we have a lot to work on,” Cooper said. “We have to improve on our rebounding, transition offense and a lot of things. I feel like we’re not to our max right now. We’re finding where we are at, but we still have a lot of work to do.

with Cameron, the Bearcats stayed down south instead of returning to Maryville. The team will use the better weather to practice outside all week, something unavailable in Maryville. “One of the things we want to take advantage of when we’re outdoors down here is cutoff and relay situations. Those are things we don’t get to work on indoors,” Loe said. “The other thing is (Monday) we got the opportunity to go outside and play as a team, and that was the biggest thing we wanted to take advantage of.” The Bearcats start their second series of the year at 2 p.m. tomorrow. The second game follows at noon Saturday.

a talented safety who has remained a free agent since rumors of his sexuality have come into question. This could provide an example to youngsters who struggle with their sexuality, giving them the boost they need to open up and move on with their lives and play the sports they love. This is a topic I’m not invested in because I do not watch sports to envelop myself in each player’s personal life. I do not care about another’s sexual orientation. I watch sporting events for the competitive edge. But this is a big deal. This young man just brought on a culture change through the extensive spotlight of professional sports.

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NW MEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	18-5	13-1
Central Mo.....	19-4	11-3
Fort Hays.....	19-4	10-4
Mo. Southern.....	15-5	9-4
Washburn.....	15-6	8-6
Central Okla.....	14-7	8-6
Emporia St.....	14-10	7-7
Nebraska Kearney.....	11-10	7-7
Northeastern St.....	11-9	6-7
Southwest Baptist.....	12-11	5-9
Lindenwood.....	10-15	5-10
Mo. Western.....	9-13	4-10
Pitt. St.....	7-13	3-10
Lincoln.....	3-19	1-13

Feb. 13:

Washburn at Central Okla.  
Pitt. State at Nebraska Kearney

Feb. 15:

Mo. Southern at Mo. Western  
Washburn at Northeastern St.  
Pitt. State at Fort Hays

NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Emporia St.....	21-2	12-2
Central Mo.....	18-3	12-2
Pitt. St.....	17-6	10-3
Fort Hays.....	16-5	9-5
Mo. Southern.....	14-6	8-5
Washburn.....	13-8	8-6
Northeastern St.....	10-10	7-6
Lindenwood.....	12-10	7-8
NORTHWEST.....	9-12	6-8
Central Okla.....	10-11	5-9
Mo. Western.....	9-12	4-10
Southwest Baptist.....	9-12	4-10
Nebraska Kearney.....	8-13	4-10
Lincoln.....	4-17	1-13

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Washburn at Central Okla.  
Pitt. State at Nebraska Kearney

Feb. 15:

Mo. Southern at Mo. Western  
Washburn at Northeastern St.  
Pitt. State at Fort Hays

MHS BOYS’ BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Lafayette.....	14-4	3-0
Chillicothe.....	11-7	3-0
Savannah.....	9-7	3-1
Bishop LeBlond.....	10-8	1-1
Smithville.....	9-9	1-1
Cameron.....	5-16	1-2
MARYVILLE.....	4-14	1-4
Benton.....	2-17	1-5

Feb. 14:

Bishop LeBlond at Lafayette  
Chillicothe at Savannah  
Smithville at Cameron  
MARYVILLE at Benton

MHS GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Cameron.....	22-3	4-0
Smithville.....	17-3	3-0
Bishop LeBlond.....	14-4	1-1
Chillicothe.....	10-4	1-1
Savannah.....	4-9	1-1
Lafayette.....	12-6	1-2
Benton.....	11-8	1-2
MARYVILLE.....	6-17	0-5

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# Boys carry 3 game losing streak into Friday’s tilt with Benton

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Maryville boys’ basketball will look to end its six-game slide as it takes on a Benton team it edged earlier in the season.

The Spoofhounds knocked off an athletic Cardinals team 53-50 in their fifth game of the year. The ‘Hounds have found little success since then, and head coach Mike Kuwitzky is not doubting the abilities of a 2-17 Benton team.

“The thing that is scary about them is that they’re so athletic; they’re really talented,” Kuwitzky said. “They have some really good athletes, and they’ve been in every game right to the end this year. Even though they’re losing, they’ve been playing really well.”

Kuwitzky’s focus against the Cardinals will be on the defensive side of the ball. Maryville allowed Benton to get to the rim too often in their first matchup, Kuwitzky said.

“We’re just going to have to focus a lot on getting back and stopping the break, work on help-side defense and try to stop their drives because they drive so well, and really try to keep them off the boards,” Kuwitzky said. “What hurt us the first time we played them is they beat us on fast breaks, and they drove to the basket so well.”

The Spoofhounds head to Benton with a new floor general in freshman John Zimmerman, who earned the nod as the ‘Hounds starting point guard in a 71-42 loss to Smithville



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior center Jacob Cacek tries to beat two Mid-Buchanan defenders to the basket in a 54-39 loss Jan. 20. Maryville is riding a six-game losing streak.

Feb. 7. Zimmerman impressed Kuwitzky in his first start of the season.

“He has really emerged as our best point guard,” Kuwitzky said. “He’s going to continue to do a lot of the ball handling for the team because he’s really doing a great job leading the offense. I’m thinking there’s really good days ahead.”

Despite a solid spot start from Zimmerman and 14 points from junior guard Mitch Worthington, the Spoofhounds dropped their sixth consecutive game in the loss to the Warriors to fall to 4-14 on the season.

Maryville hits the road at 7 p.m. tomorrow in search of a regular-season sweep against Benton.

# Wrestling heads into 15 team district tournament

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The Spoofhound wrestling team will look to put the sub-par regular season behind it as it competes in the district tournament this weekend.

Head coach Joe Drake does not want to put any pressure on his athletes and just hopes his team can wrestle to the highest of its potential.

“Our expectations for them all are real simple,” Drake said. “We’re going to go into the tournament, and we hope we go home knowing they wrestled their best performance of the year, and that’s all we can ask.”

The ‘Hounds do bring postseason experience with four state qualifiers on the roster: 152-pound senior Dane Hull, 126-pound junior Nathaniel Alexander and junior heavyweight Brendan Weybrew.

With the Spoofhounds filled with underclassmen, Drake will expect everyone to bring their A-game in districts.

“Whether it’s (Brendan) Weybrew or (Jacob) Partridge at the other end at the 106 (weight class), we just ask each one of them that they put out their best effort,” Drake said. “Things will fall where they fall. We have several open spots in our lineup.”

In order to qualify for state, an individual has to finish in the top four of their respective weight class at districts. As Maryville was overmatched the majority of the year wrestling in the MEC, Drake realizes the Spoofhounds will face more teams of their caliber.

“Every team is going to be somewhat like we are,” Drake said. “They are going to have three or four kids that are exceptionally good. We should be able to compete much better. But to get into state is going to be really tough.”

The ‘Hounds competed Feb. 6

as well as Feb. 8 after Drake worried about the team being able to do so with the bad weather. Drake was pleased with the way they performed and felt that his team got the type of momentum it needed heading into districts.

The Spoofhounds beat Maysville, which will be in the district tournament after winning its pool at the tournament in Albany.

“We had a good two-day outing, and that’s what we hoped for,” Drake said. “We did some good things out there technique-wise. It helped us mentally get prepared, and we’re finally getting healthy. Everything is kind of falling into place like we want it to right now.”

District 4 Teams	
1	Albany
2	Brookfield
3	Gallatin
4	Hallsville
5	Marceline
6	MARYVILLE
7	Maysville
8	Penney
9	Rock Port
10	South Harrison
11	South Holt
12	Southwest
13	Stanberry
14	Tarkio
15	Trenton

# Hageman still carrying belief in girls into final stretch

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The Maryville girls’ team is looking to catch some wins with three games remaining before districts play begins.

Head coach Grant Hageman believes that this is very doable with the opportunity to finish out the season against some weaker opponents, with the exception of the Benton game tonight.

“Obviously, Benton is going to be pretty tough,” Hageman said. “We got to go against them and learn how to play against pressure. Against a great defensive team, that’s a great opportunity to improve our motion offense.”

“We’re counting on getting two wins at the end of the year and get some momentum going into districts.”

The Spoofhounds look to repeat some old history as they wind down the season. In Hageman’s first season as coach, the ‘Hounds had a similar record to the one they hold this year. They won a couple of games at the end of that season, came into districts as the seventh seed and upset two-seeded Trenton.

“We could have some momentum going into districts,” Hageman said. “I have been telling the girls that history can repeat itself.”

While the Spoofhounds are sitting at 4-12 and still winless since the team lost its star player in Chelsea Byland for the season with a stress fracture, Hageman insists that his athletes are making strides of improvement.

“We had to play Cameron Monday night, who is one of the best teams in our conference,” Hageman said. “And then we went on the road to Chillicothe. When you go back-to-back on the road against two teams like that is tough.”

Not only are the ‘Hounds without Byland, but they have been without the defensive workhorse in Mollie Holtman for the last three games due to a broken nose.

“Mollie (Holtman) usually plays about 28 minutes a game,” Hageman said. “You got to replace 28 minutes a game makes everybody else play more. She should be back for the Benton game.”

Hageman believes his team has a legitimate shot at finishing out with a couple of wins if it can play fundamentally-sound basketball.

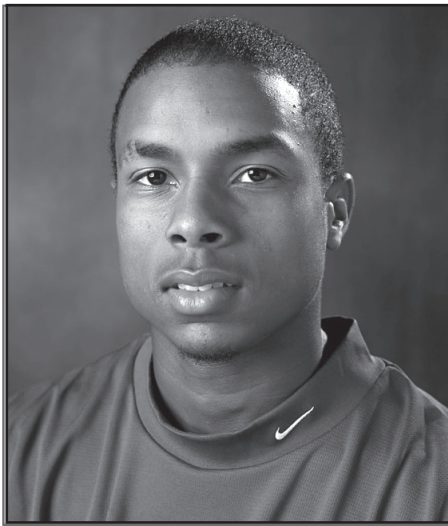
“We just got to cut out the unforced turnovers,” Hageman said. “We got to keep it simple. We have some fight left in us. We are still improving. I think the girls are going to hang in there and, hopefully, finish the season the right way.”

# ATHLETES of the WEEK



## BEARCATS

DeShaun Cooper



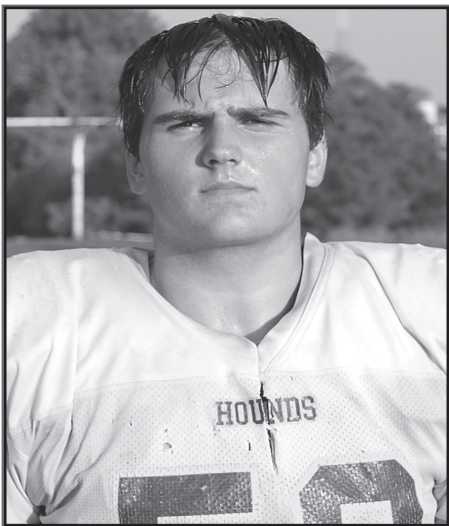
Senior point guard DeShaun Cooper won the MIAA Player of the Week award for the second time this year. Cooper set a career high with 35 points against Lincoln Feb. 8.

Ashton Nibert



Senior Ashton Nibert broke Venus Harris’s 27-year-old Northwest record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 56.45 at the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational over the weekend.

Brendan Weybrew



Junior heavyweight Brendan Weybrew posted an undefeated showing against Albany to help the Spoofhounds to a victory. Weybrew won three of the matches via pin.

## SPOOFHOUNDS



Dane Hull



Senior 152-pound Dane Hull swept his competition Feb. 8, going 5-0 on the day in a Maryville win over Albany. Hull recorded four pins to guide the Spoofhounds.

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# Women cruising down backstretch of MIAA schedule

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After winning four straight games for the first time this season, the Northwest women surged themselves to the ninth spot in the MIAA standings.

That streak and narrow one-game lead over 10th place Central Oklahoma were put on the line last night against Missouri Southern, but results were unavailable as of press time.

With the Bearcats piecing together their longest successful run of the season, some superstitions have a chance to set in.

"It's gonna be the same routine - we're gonna wear the same road uniforms that we wore," head coach Michael Smith said. "... It's always great to get some road wins. Obviously, we're trying to get to the postseason. The postseason tournament is on the road, so knowing we can get comfortable outside Bearcat Arena is always helpful."

Moving forward with their 6-8 conference record, the Bearcats are off until 5:30 p.m. Feb. 19 when they return home to take on Lindenwood, which is also fighting for one of the final MIAA Tournament seeds.

A Northwest win Feb. 5 against Missouri Western coupled with Lindenwood and Central Oklahoma losses Feb. 6 boosted the Bearcats all the way from 13th to their current position.

"Every win's not pretty," junior guard Ariel Easton said following the 50-44, low-scoring contest with the Griffons.

That victory, followed by a 65-53 Feb. 8 win over Lincoln, showed that Northwest can play and win different types of games altogether in its enhanced recent performances.

A chunk of the credit for the improved play goes to the bench players, who have increased their output in limited minutes.

"Our kids have kind of accepted their role a little more," Smith said. "That's always tough at the beginning. Everybody is trying to prove what they can do ... We're getting contributions from more than just one or two now off the bench, and that's going to play a factor towards the end of the season here."

Smith particularly pointed out senior guard Meridee Scott, sophomore forward Tember Schechinger and freshman forward Ashley Guenther. The three combined provided 10 points and seven rebounds in 42 cumulative minutes in the win at Lincoln.

Prior to last night's contest in Joplin, Northwest held just a two-game advantage over Nebraska-Kearney, which would be the first team out based on yesterday's standings.

With three matchups against bottom-half teams in the final four games, the Bearcats are set to continue their second-half winning ways.



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN  
Junior guard Ariel Easton tries to blow past a Missouri Western defender in a 50-44 victory Feb. 5, in the Pink Zone game. The Bearcats took on Missouri Southern last night in Joplin, but results were unavailable as of press time.

"(The four-game win streak) has been great," Smith said. "As a coach, you always want your team to be playing their best basketball towards the

end of the season, and I feel like, to this point, we're getting to that.

"We're excited about getting four in a row - some of them haven't been

too pretty - but as I mentioned, I'll take a pretty win over a sour loss any day. Hopefully, our momentum will keep up."



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN  
Freshman distance runner Trevor Obecný hits the weights in the Lamkin Activity Center.

# Nibert snaps record, track hitting provisionals

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For the Northwest track team, provisional marks just will not stop falling. But they were not the only marks met and exceeded - a 27-year-old school record was also broken.

Senior Ashton Nibert snapped Venus Harris's 1987 400-meter dash record of 56.47 seconds with a 56.45 second performance, earning a 12th-place finish against Division I competition at the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational.

"Afterwards, I saw my time, and then we were kinda all just sitting around, and I was like, 'hey, I think I need to check the record; I think it's pretty close,'" Nibert said. "We all looked at it, and the coaches started freaking out ... That was pretty exciting. It kind of took a couple minutes to really hit me that, hey, I'm the first person on that list."

Sophomore Nolan Zimmer resumed his splendid campaign with a provisional, fourth-

place spot in the 5,000-meter run by hitting an NCAA provisional at 14:39.00.

"That 400-record by Venus Harris has been around for a long time, so it's good to get rid of that," head coach Scott Lorek said. "Then, with Nolan breaking our 3,000-record earlier, that was a surprise. It's really good (to see records broken)."

While the upper-echelon talent inside the track program is snaring records and hitting provisionals, the ninth-year head coach said the middle of the pack needs to pick up its game.

"We're still waiting on a few things to kinda click with some of our younger people, to kinda catch that fire under them," Lorek said. "At times, some people are still a little intimidated, but we need to bust through that."

The Bearcats will split up for this weekend's slate, sending athletes to the Iowa State Classic in Ames today and others on a repeat trip tomorrow to Seward, Neb. for the Concordia Invite.

## Northwest women's all-time 400-meter dash

1. Ashton Nibert - 56.45 (2014) - Set Feb. 8
2. Venus Harris - 56.47 (1987)
3. Ashton Nibert - 56.64 (2013)
4. Brandy Haan - 57.04 (1995)
5. Audrey Bailey - 58.56 (2009)
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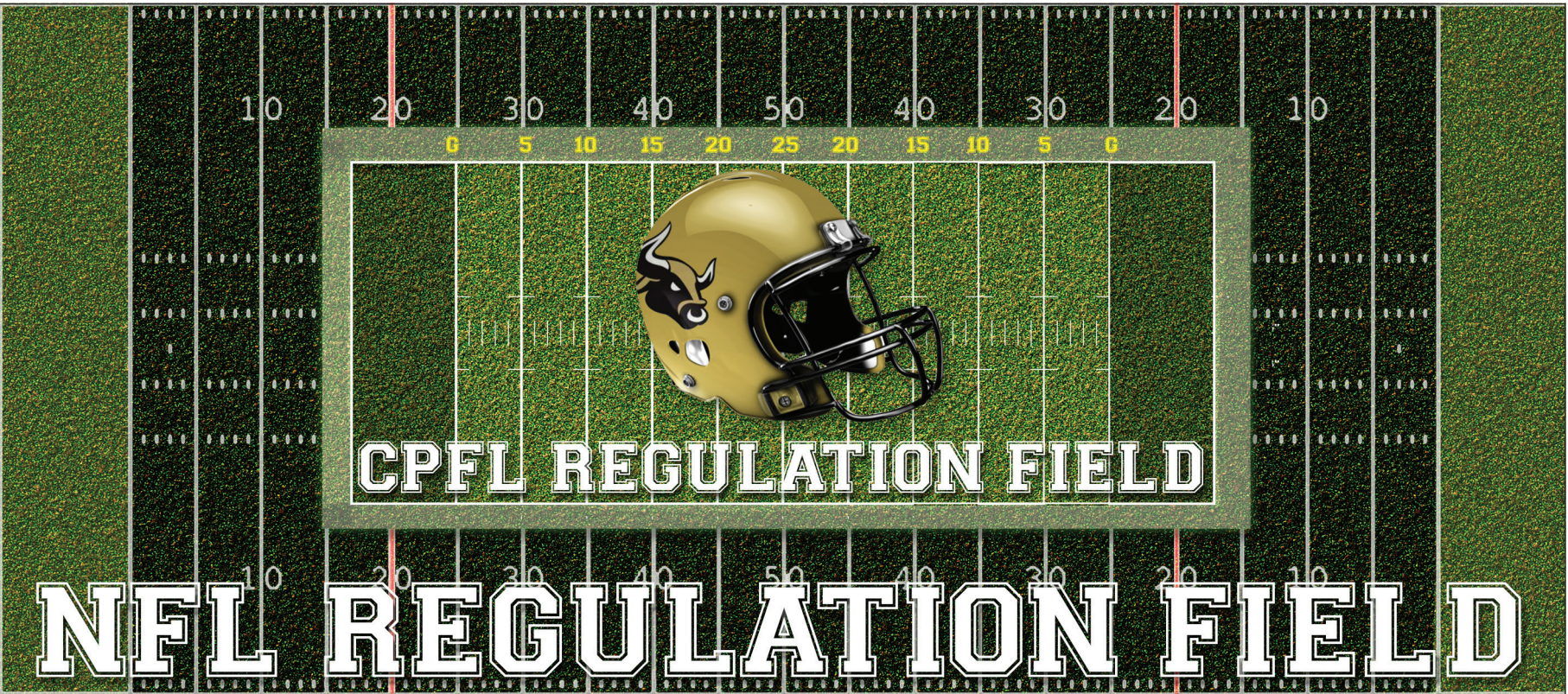


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The newly formed Nodaway County Bulls open their season up March 29 but are still looking for sponsors and a place to play their unique style of eight-man football.

8-man football kicks off inaugural season in Maryville

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The city of Maryville has been the mecca of winning football teams and may have a chance to add to its collective trophy shelf with the addition of the Nodaway County Bulls. The Bulls—an eight-man football team with Arena League rules—will debut March 29 in Topeka, Kan. for their inaugural season. The Bulls will play in the Central Plains Football League—founded in 2006—which is composed of former collegiate and high school players who are looking for a way to pad up again. “There might two or three players that could use this as a stepping stone,” defensive coordinator Chris Townsend said. “That opportunity has definitely presented itself. As far as these guys, they just like to play. They are highly competitive, and a lot of them are mid-20s and we have some in their 30s.” Head coach Roger Nichols has been coaching for 33

years at different levels of competition, including high school and semi professional teams, and this will be the first for defensive coordinator Chris Townsend, who is Maryville’s Schwan man. “As far as coaching, this is my first go,” Townsend said. “I did coach some basketball for some displaced kids in Pueblo, Colo. I had some fun with that. I helped some kids get off the street, and as the local Schwan guy, I actually stopped, and coach Nichols asked me one day if I liked football because he was looking for some players. I said ‘I’m a little old for that,’ but we decided that I could coach.” Nichols was responsible for bringing the team to Maryville by merely placing a call to the league commissioner one morning. “(It took) just a phone call,” Nichols said. “I like coaching and to be honest with you, I kinda woke up one day and made the call. I called Terry (Winfree) and asked him if he would be interested in putting a team in Maryville.” Nichols and Townsend were invited to coach at a free-agent camp for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in Salina, Kan.

In March. Nichols said despite being a first-year team, the Bulls are in the process of being a developmental team for the Canadian Football League. With that, the Bulls may be stacked full of top-level players with a future up North sooner rather than later. “I didn’t expect this to happen,” Nichols said. “I didn’t expect the Canadian Football League to email me a tryout for my players and coaches.” Until it is official, the Bulls will have to go through all of the bumps that most first-year squads go through, including fundraising, a place to play each week and adjusting to a new game. “The biggest part is blitz packaging,” Townsend said. “Eight-man is obviously faster and higher scoring—there’s a lot more field to work with. When you’re limited to what you can do pressuring the quarterback in the backfield, it makes it a lot more difficult. “They want to make it a high-scoring game, and I have

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Mizzou’s star DE brings up culture change in society



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This subject isn’t what I wanted to write about. This isn’t a topic I want to discuss when conversing with friends or while I yuck it up with some guy at the bar about sports. In my mind, it’s not a huge ordeal. But, damn, I’d be lying if I said this wasn’t a big deal in the overall scheme of society. Because this is a pretty big deal. Michael Sam is opening the doors for a culture change, not only in professional sports, but in society. Maybe one day a person’s sexual preference will not translate into a media frenzy that stirs hypotheticals and takes away what is truly important when competing in professional sports: can you play the game with efficiency? And are you a good teammate? With Sam’s declaration just months before the biggest event of his life, that day may be just around the corner. As we continue to integrate these younger generations into the NFL, this won’t be an issue. Given time, openly gay players in professional sports will be a non-issue. But that time isn’t right now. Maybe Sam’s announcement will lay that first brick to the foundation. There have always been distractions with certain players – whether on or off the field – but if they continued to play, it was because they were good enough to overcome those distractions. The same goes with Sam, who, at first, will bring along some distractions. But the question is whether he can help his team win. If general managers and coaching staffs look past this because they believe he may disrupt a locker room or bring on a media circus, they are not fully committed to winning. And the team that decides to sign him will no doubt get a motivated player. Whether or not you agree with Sam’s decision to announce his sexuality, or you believe his timing is calculated to draw attention to himself, one thing is certain – he has guts. He has guts because his decision – according to his interview with Time Magazine – stemmed from rumors about his sexual orientation, so Sam decided to stay one step ahead of the press and tell his story the way he wanted to. You can’t blame him for stating it proudly and not keeping secrets from future employers. Teams won’t be shocked by any news of his personal life come April,

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SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior guard DeShaun Cooper meets his teammates, junior forward Grant Cozad and senior guard Bryston Williams, on the floor at Bearcat Arena. Northwest defeated rival Missouri Western 92-64 Feb. 5 for its 10th consecutive victory.

Cooper, Starzl make marks in record book

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In notching a 10th consecutive win, two Northwest individuals hit milestones that will etch themselves in record books. Senior forward Dillon Starzl scored 14 points in the Bearcats’ 97-78 victory over Lincoln Feb. 8, taking him over the 1,000 career point mark. The Northwest baseball team finds itself facing another tough road test this weekend as it travels south to Lawton, Okla. to play a two-game series against Cameron University. It will be the second straight week in which Northwest plays against a team longer

than seven hours from home. Head coach Darin Loe realizes that every long road trip has its ups and downs. “I think you can look at it from both sides,” Loe said. “I think it is kind of a team bonding experience of getting away. On the other side is we have to go south to get games in, unfortunately. The teams that we play have already played, so they have already worked out some of their first-game jitters.”

Starzl emerged last season as a go-to scoring threat in the post after the graduation of Jake Reinders, and head coach Ben McCollum believes it positively reflects on the program that he has helped build during his tenure at Northwest. “I think it shows the quality of kids we are recruiting out of high school,” McCollum said.

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Baseball splits opening series of season in Oklahoma

The team completed its opening weekend series in Canyon, Texas, Feb. 10. Northwest (1-1) split the two-game doubleheader against Northwestern Oklahoma State (4-1). The Bearcats won the first by a score of 17-2, followed with a second-game loss of 3-1. Pitching was on display for the Bearcats in both games. The team allowed only five

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